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## A KEY TO THE SITUATION.

Hon. Henry A. Rucker, Collector of Internal Revenue, and a Leader in the Thought and Morals of the Prosperous State of Georgia, Unlocks the Portal That Leads to Solving the Race Problem.

A race is fortunate indeed when it possesses big-brained, resourceful and clean-handed leaders in its several fields of activity. Long has the Negro felt the necessity for rallying around her strong men in the church and in the arena of education, but only within the past two decades have we been firmly convinced that unity of method is essential to progress in the world of business and politics, and that the same high degree of character, intelligence and morality must be demanded of those who would stand in the front rank. Some conditions have confronted us that would cause the timid to blanch with fear, and bring confusion to the weak-hearted, but they have served to ripen and develop the real leaders, and happily, have taught the masses that only by loyalty and fidelity to such leadership can the Afro-American meet and conquer the forces that would work his destruction. The clarion voice of a common cause and a common defense has driven the Negro into a common "lager," and at bay, he is fighting for life and liberty.

Out of the Southland—that awful crucible of prejudice and proscription—like steel tempered by fire, and hardened for the practical uses of mankind, has come numerous valiant spirits, whose advent was so timely as to have seemed divinely inspired. Price and Cain, Elliott and Bruce, Cailloux and others who have joined the silent majority, did a noble work and lived to see the beginning of the race's redemption, but it has been left for newer and younger men to complete the structure on the foundation that was furnished by the "Old Guard." The modern age of politics and business in the Southland offers no brighter luminary than the Hon. Henry A. Rucker, of Georgia.

Young as years go, but mature in all the attributes that command success and popular esteem, the life of Henry A. Rucker is a priceless text-book for aspiring Afro-American youth. Self-made self-taught, guided upward by nothing save the lofty counsel of a good mother and the inherent qualities of a true gentleman, he has scaled the heights, and for himself has solved the problem of how the fittest may survive, and is giving to the whole race



HON. HENRY A. RUCKER,  
Collector of Internal Revenue Atlanta, Georgia—A Man of The Hour in  
The Solution of The Race Problem in The South.

the key by which he wrought out so clear a solution. No legerdemain has marked his upward flight. The ingredients that he has utilized are simple, even if rare, and are within the reach of the least favored of human beings—honesty of purpose, fidelity to every trust, and adherence to the golden rule. He has always been able to secure what was justly his without encroaching upon the sacred rights or legitimate possessions of another. Harboring no malice in his own bosom, he has softened the wrath of his neighbor, and demonstrated how clever diplomacy and a manly appeal to the finer instincts of a possible enemy yields richer returns than all the force and investive that a century could bring to bear. If the battle is to be fought out on lines of mental competition and personal worth, rather than by balls and bayonets, Mr. Rucker has grasped the situation, and the best evidence of the wisdom of his policy of inter-racial co-operation is the results he has individually achieved, and the commendation freely offered by the white and colored people who greet him day by day in the routine of duty.

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### Woman's League Benefit.

The attention of our readers is especially called to the entertainment that will be given next Wednesday evening, May 16th at Carroll Hall, "G" between Ninth and Tenth streets, northwest, by the Woman's League for the Benefit of the Day Nursery. Music will be furnished by the Mandolin Club and Hoffman's Orchestra. Dancing will begin at 9:30. Admission twenty-five cents. Refreshments at very moderate prices. The committee is composed of Dr. Lucy E. Moten, chairman, Mrs. Charles R. Douglass, Mrs. M. E. Tucker, Mrs. L. Richardson, Mrs. J. A. Purnell, Miss A. L. Tilghman and Miss M. P. Shadd. There is no question but that the affair will be a success in every way, as not only will an enjoyable evening's entertainment be in store for all those who enjoy indulging in the terpsichorean art but others who like to feel that they are doing a charitable act will have the opportunity of contributing to this worthy charity. The committee that has the affair in charge insures its being first class in every way.

## BRUCE GRIT NAILS A LIE

No Truth in the Report That the Tammany Negro Annex is to be Given Two Thousand Places on New York's Great Subway—Literary Notes and Other Matters.

Albany, N. Y., Special—The cheerful news comes down the line, via New York City, that Hon. Bourke Cockran, former janitor of A. T. Stewart's and a naturalized Irishman with aristocratic tendencies and democratic principles, is going to Alabama to make a speech in favor of the repeal of the XV Amendment.

There are some people who affect to be alarmed over this piece of news and who confess to a feeling of fear that the Alabama conference of white men to discuss the Negro question in all its various phases is of dangerous portent.

There is no occasion for alarm. The delegates to that convention or conference are merely American citizens, with as much right to resolute and speechify as any other class of citizens. The destiny of the Negro doesn't happen to be in their hands, I should be sorry for the Negro if it were. The biggest part of this nation is north of Alabama and the rest of the old slave states, and it will have "quite much" to say about repealing the XV Amendment or any other article of the constitution which affects the citizenship rights of the Negro. Brethren, keep perfectly cool; don't get skinned or excited. "The best citizens" of the South are carried away with the notion that the South doesn't belong to the Union. They are honestly mistaken, and as soon as they begin to tamper with the organic law of the land the "Yank" will wake up and show them "where they are at."

Another interesting piece of news which came down the chute some weeks ago, is to the effect that the Tammany organization of New York City has informed Chief Lee of the saddled colored wing of the democratic party that he can have two thousand places on the new rapid transit tunnel. There isn't a word of truth in this, for no such absurd promise has been given Mr. Lee or any one else. The yarn was spun to help boom the Negro Democratic Annex, and particularly Mr. Ocker's dusky political double. If the rapid transit people were to put two thousand democratic Negroes to work on the tunnel it would break up the

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